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## Column One
By David Courtney

IT is a mishap to human idealism that the way to unity should lie through armies. In the present mood of the world, it seems the only way, and there is no occasion for surprise, therefore, at the paradox of a Socialist International giving its enthusiastic approval to the creation of a European Army. The slogan, Workers of the World Unite, has been put aside by Socialism for the slogan, Soldiers of the World Unite. It is almost as hard to bring the second about as the first, and it is improbable that the European Army proposed by M. Pleven, advocated by the Strasbourg Assembly, and strongly urged by the United States of America, will represent the supra-national body foreshadowed in the imaginative proposals of M. Pleven. Instead, it is likely to be an inter-allied force under a unified command, more closely integrated than such armies have been in the past, but not requiring any substantial abandonment of sovereignty on the part of the contributing nations.

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THE French Government is determined upon a military system within which the revived German army can be kept under control. That, rather than idealism, was the motive of the Pleven Plan. The French may be willing, therefore, to accept the compromises insisted upon by the Netherlands and, more particularly, by Belgium; and may, Paul Reynaud notwithstanding, put up with Britain's benevolent good wishes in place of the full cooperation that had been hoped for. As the plan proceeds, it may be found that German ambitions, not the standoffish policy of Britain or the inhibitions of Belgium, are the main obstacle to the effective organization of a European army answering the needs of France. If the present French Government should go down, and make way for General de Gaulle, who has promised his supporters complete power by next spring, the German obstacle may become decisive.

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THE French Government is freely discussing what to do when the plan for a European army is an acknowledged failure. Their press and military spokesmen are diligently emphasizing the insecurity of West Germany and the danger of waiting upon a European plan of obscure potentialities. There have been hints of a scheme to establish two German field armies and attach them to the U.S. and British commands already in the country. Pretending grave alarm as the result of General Eisenhower's warning that without an effective European army, continental defence operations would be driven back upon the Rhine, the Germans are pointing out to each other and to the Americans that unless they are allowed to re-arm and mobilize independently, West Germany will be overrun at the first stroke of war.

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ASIDE from their professed concern for security, the Germans see the European plan as a check to the granting of their promised new political status. The three powers, when their representatives met Dr. Adenauer in Paris, made it quite plain that Germany would not get the new status until the plan for a European army had been finally accepted and ratified by each of the six nations taking part in it. It has become obvious that ratification is far away if not out of the question altogether, and Bonn regards this as still another reason for working out some alternative plan of German rearmament, which will at least satisfy the United States and not be opposed by Britain. As long as Dr. Adenauer is Chancellor, some attempt will be made to satisfy France; but the time may come, and that soon, when Germany will feel at liberty to disregard the sensitivity of her western neighbour. In order to hold off that time as long as possible, France will work hard, and perhaps surrender much, to get a European Army and to keep the goodwill of the United States; and to ensure some unity and steadfastness among the bayonets upon whose points it is the intention to balance the equilibrium of Europe.

*Tel Aviv, December 18*

# Income Tax Law To Committee

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan's proposed income tax reforms, which were designed mainly to ease the tax burdens on low income groups, large families and ratepayers in top brackets, passed their first reading in the Knesset last night, although the proposals had been coolly received by the Opposition in the debate which preceded the vote.

The measures were sent to the Finance Committee and will become law after they are returned to the House for a final vote. They will then be effective with respect to taxes paid on earnings during the 1951/52 fiscal year.

Critics of the Government's fiscal policy claimed in the debate that the proposed tax reductions were fictions if the decline of the Israel Pound and of the purchasing power of wages were taken into account. The extreme of the case was argued by Mrs. Esther Wilenska (Communist), who asserted that an income of IL.1,200 this year was equivalent to IL.900 last year and IL.720 in 1949.

These calculations were later said by Mr. Kaplan to be baseless but they nevertheless represented, although in the extreme, the views put forward by all the Opposition speakers.

### Capital Gains

The General Zionists and Herut opposed the proposed tax on capital gains, claiming that it was inequitable in times of inflation. Their argument was that if a person sells property for several thousand pounds more than the price he paid several years ago, he would in effect lose money taking into account the decline in the value of the currency.

In line with these two fundamental criticisms, a large number of amendments were proposed. Dr. Hannan Rubin (Mapam) proposed the increase of the basic deduction from IL.300 (hitherto it was IL.250) to IL.450 for taxpayers in brackets below IL.1,500, and Mrs. Wilenska proposed increasing the deduction to IL.750. A wide range of other alterations was put forward and will be discussed in the Committee.

Mr. Kaplan dealt with these criticisms in his closing speech last night. He claimed that Mapai was fulfilling its election pledge by making far-reaching concessions to low income groups and to large families.

### Low Income Benefits

He told the House that under the new proposals, a married man with no children would begin to pay taxes

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# Praesidium Speeds Pre-Holiday Agenda

At the close of last night's Knesset session just before 11 o'clock, the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Yosef Serlin, announced that the Praesidium had considered proposals for the Agenda, but had not found any of them to be urgent.

The motions for debate which were thus put off for some future date— at least until after Hanukka — dealt with the situation in the ma'barot (proposed by the General Zionists), and the last week's disturbances in Haifa (three motions by Mapam, Communists and Herut).

In the last half hour of the session, the Council, in short order:

approved the recent increase in tobacco excise;

extended the currency control emergency regulations for another six months (until the new law now in Committee is passed);

passed an amendment to the Election Law requiring employers to pay a day's wages for the Election Day holiday;

enacted a law validating Municipal assessments for the current year on the basis of the old assessment list; and

increased maximum punishments for violation of building laws from IL.50 to IL.500 and one year's imprisonment.

In the short debate on the tobacco excise Dr. M. Sneh (Mapam) and Mr. H. Landau (Herut) both proposed that the table of excise rates be revised so that more of the low and medium priced cigarettes be included in the lower rates. The Minister of Finance, in reply, gave figures to show how the burden of increased revenue had been put mainly onto the smokers of Virginia-type cigarettes and the more expensive oriental brands.

In reply to Mr. Landau's criticism of the quality of the cigarettes, Mr. Kaplan said that there was not enough hard currency available to supply the demand for better tobacco.

During the discussion of the Municipal Assessment Law, a General Zionist speaker called attention to the fact that the Minister of Interior, who was concerned, was absent from the House.

# Rain Cancels Haifa Seamen Meeting

**HAIFA, Monday. — While striking seamen this afternoon prepared for an anticipated attempt by the Haifa Labour Council to dislodge them from the Sailors' Hostel here — an attempt was made, however — some 5,000 workers gathered at a Labour Council meeting in the Amphitheatre Cinema to affirm their loyalty to the Histadrut.**

They stood "tense and prepared" to maintain order in the event that a rival meeting called for 4 p.m. by the Public Committee for the Protection of the Seamen at 4 Rehov Herzl should result in a repetition of Friday's violence. But the latter meeting was cancelled because of the driving rain.

Meanwhile, striking officers of the merchant fleet were holding a closed meeting, at which several of them expressed dissatisfaction with the recent outburst of violence and demanded a vote of no-confidence in the Seamen's Convention and Secretariat. Another group urged election of new representatives who could renew negotiations with the Histadrut Executive.

### Seek Return Road

**Late this evening the officers voted down, by 61 to eight, a proposal to return to work unconditionally. Of the eight, four accepted the majority decision and four left the meeting. The latter are expected to ask to be reinstated in their jobs. The meeting continued to seek a formula which would permit them to reopen negotiations with the Histadrut on the basis of "minimum representation" in the new Union and a guarantee of berths for all the seamen, including those mobilized.**

Speaking at the Labour Council rally to which delegations of workers had come from Vulcan, Phoenicia Ata, Soliel Boneh, the Port, and Palestine Electric Corporation, Mayor Abba Khoushy stated that, interference from the Communists would not be tolerated. He asked most of the workers, who had come to urge the Council to put an end to the rioting of Mapam and the Communists and to "react suitably" should it recur, to disperse quietly; but a selected number was asked to remain at the Labour Council's headquarters.

Sponsors of the cancelled rival meeting, according to a Histadrut statement, had brought thousands of adherents, among them "Mufti Communists from Nazareth," to the site of the scheduled demonstration. The Public Committee for the Protection of the Seamen which had been set up early in the strike by supporters of the strikers, is now understood to be Mapam-dominated.

The Organization Committee of the Histadrut-sponsored new union announced today that 100 volunteers had answered its new call to skilled volunteers to man ships.

Two constables were this evening still in hospitals as a result of Friday's rioting, though neither was in a serious condition.

In Jerusalem last night, there was a small Communist-sponsored public meeting in support of the striking seamen. About 250 people gathered before the Histadrut Building to hear Mr. Meir Wilner, Communist Knesset member, and other speakers. After singing the Hatikva and the International, the crowd dispersed quietly.

# Two Fishermen Murdered By Syrian Troops

**TIBERIAS, Monday. — Syrian regulars murdered two Israel fishermen near the eastern shore of Lake Kinneret yesterday afternoon.**

**Eliezer Zion, 17, and Shlomo Metuliah, 28, both of Tiberias, accompanied by Nissim Asvelius, a veteran Tiberias fisherman, left the town at 4.45 yesterday afternoon in a fishing boat and dropped anchor and spread their nets two hundred metres from the Syrian village of Kursi.**

**After ten minutes the three men heard an explosion, and almost immediately afterwards three or four Syrian soldiers opened rifle fire from a distance of about 10 metres from the border, which runs ten metres from the shore. The fishermen sought cover on the floor of their boat but the shooting continued.**

**Zion received a fatal head wound when he stood up. Metuliah was killed when the Syrians opened fire from a Spandau machine gun. They continued to shoot even after the two men were dead. Asvelius, owner of the boat, remained stretched flat in the boat and thus saved his life.**

**He raised anchor when darkness fell and rowed back to Ein Gev where he arrived at eight o'clock. The two bodies were transferred to the Schweitzer Hospital, Tiberias.**

**A protest was lodged today with Colonel Samuel Taxis, Chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. "The intolerable situation caused by such an unprovoked murder should be understood and the full gravity and implications of this brutal act be brought home to the Syrian Government," the protest stated, asking that an emergency meeting of the MAC be called.**

Feeling is running high in Tiberias after the brutal attack. A year ago, a member of Ein Gev was killed in the same area and several men were wounded. It is known that Arab fishermen from Tiberias who fled the town during the War of Liberation are making the border unsafe.

## *Five Wet Days To Hanukka*

*THERE are five days left till Hanukka — less than one week in which to give your present to a child in a wet- cold ma'bara somewhere in Israel where Hanukka is sure to be a less joyous occasion than in your own home. Toys are needed badly — there are still not enough in the collection centres or the offices of The Post.*

*But there are other ways of giving a gift to these children. Two Post readers have suggested making cash contributions in the name of friends or relatives who have sent you packages and for whom you have not yet found a suitable present. Perhaps you will follow the example of another Post reader and give these children the chocolates you got in return for a Scrip certificate.*

**Total contributions so far amount to: IL.6,386.774.**
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# More Rain Due

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Rain continued to fall throughout the country today, and more is on the way. The Meteorological Service told *The Post* tonight that while the depression over the Israel area which had caused Saturday's storm had weakened by this morning, another depression is now on its way from the Balkans. This will again deepen the local low-pressure area, bringing more rain and strengthening the wind, but probably not to the force of Saturday's gale.

A storm rose in Haifa at about 11 o'clock tonight.

Temperatures are not expected to fall during the night but may drop later. Frost conditions may appear in the hill regions.

Despite the continuous rain during the past 24 hours no further damage was reported to ma'barot, the Jewish Agency announced tonight. The work of exchanging damaged tents continues. The s.s. Hannah Senesh began off-loading tents at Haifa Port today.

This morning a number of children evacuated from tents in ma'barot to more permanent structures were taken home by their parents. An Agency spokesman said that if the rain did not stop the children would again be removed to temporary homes in special camps where hot meals are being provided by special kitchens to all children.

### Postal Van Held Up

Owing to bad road conditions in parts of the Negev the mobile post office van has not been able to maintain its regular schedule.

The 14.8 mm. of rain which fell in Rehovot in the 24 hours up to 8 o'clock this morning brought the total there this season to 225.2 mm., as against 56.6 mm. by the same date last year. Jerusalem's total by this morning was 218.4 mm., as against 19.1 mm. last year.

Tel Aviv figures were 139.1 mm. (no figures available for last year.)

Nathanya, one of the wettest spots at this date last year, with 118.6 mm., had by this morning recorded a total of 188.5 mm.

25 persons were believed to have died from exhaustion and starvation in the Lebanese Hermil district following three-day-long snow storms, during which they had been completely isolated, A.N.A. reports.

# YADIN TOURS MA'BAROT

The Chief-of-Staff, Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin, and the Deputy Chief of Staff Aluf Mordecai Makleff and senior officers of G.H.Q. toured a number of ma'barot today and discussed additional measures to be taken by the Army to help the ma'barot. The Army pointed out that some 13,000 families were living in 26 ma'barot under its care of whom 10,000 were housed in tents. Of these tents about 900 were blown down or torn by the storm.

A Post reporter states that during his visit to the Rehovot ma'bara Rav-Aluf Yadin promised to have army bulldozers dig drainage ditches and push up dykes to prevent flooding in future.

## Barkley Hopeful Of Truce in Korea

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, back from a front-line visit in Korea, said today he is still hopeful there will be agreement in the cease-fire negotiations.

He said the morale of the troops in Korea is high, and the men are fed and clothed better than any army he had ever seen.

# Day's Truce Talks In Korea Negative

TOKYO, Monday. — Truce negotiators argued over the question of prisoners and truce supervision today, but the results were "absolutely negative."

Both subcommittees will meet again tomorrow.

At a two-hour meeting of the prisoner exchange subcommittee, the Communists today continued to refuse to supply information on prisoners in their hands. The U.N. contend no further progress can be made with the talks on prisoners unless this information is supplied.

The cease-fire arrangements committee had two meetings today. General Nuckols said the Communists refused to consider the return of Allied-held islands off the North Korean coastline as a concession, and still insisted that the rotation of U.N. troops should be limited to 5,000 a month. U.N. negotiators said they would continue to rotate troops at their discretion.

# USSR May Consent To Aid Mid-East

MOSCOW, Monday (AP). — The Soviet Union may be ready to consider granting industrial assistance to the Middle East, whose conflicts with the West have been receiving great attention here.

Informed observers in Moscow say that, if overtures for such aid were made, the Soviet Government would give the matter earnest consideration.

The Soviet Union has officially expressed "sympathy and understanding" with the peoples of the Middle East, and the press has conspicuously published Middle Eastern news since the beginning of the oil crisis in Persia and throughout the Egyptian quarrel with Britain.

Moscow has made it plain that it is in accord with any move in the Middle Eastern countries to throw out British and American influences.

The Russians appear to be convinced that their protests on the projected Middle East Command fell on attentive ears. The press gives Russians the impression that Middle East peoples welcomed the notes and want no part of a Middle East Command.

## Persia Uncertain On World Bank Offer

TEHERAN, Monday (Reuter). — Persia would use World Bank assistance to invite foreign oil technicians to boost oil production, Abbas Maada, information officer of the National Oil Company, said here today.

With the help of these technicians, he said, the company could step up production to 10 million tons of crude oil and 20 million tons of refined oil a year within six months.

However, Kazem Hassibi of the National Oil Commission said he was not in favour of World Bank intervention in the Persian oil industry.

## McDaniel Crosses At Rosh Hanikra

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Bruce McDaniel, Administrator of the U.S. Grant-in-Aid funds, arrived in Tel Aviv this evening, after crossing the border from the Lebanon at 2.30 this afternoon without difficulties. Mr. McDaniel had been forced to return from Rosh Hanikra yesterday, when Lebanese frontier guards had told him that they had received no instructions to permit him to pass into Israel.

The visitor was met at Rosh Hanikra by Mr. Michael Comay, of the Foreign Ministry, on behalf of the Government; and Mr. Justie E. Gist, Attache at the U.S. Embassy here. After lunch at the Megiddo Hotel the party came to Tel Aviv, where Mr. McDaniel called on the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis.

Mr. McDaniel is staying at the Ramat Aviv Hotel.

Mr. McDaniel told ITEM today that he expects to bring a staff of about 30 employees from the U.S. for his office here and will also hire local officials. He said that time is not a factor in his work here. Before leaving Washington, 13 days ago, he discussed the possibility of another grant-in-aid for Israel in 1952, Mr. McDaniel stated.

Later this week he will see the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister.

# New Move Made By Soviet Bloc On Arms Agency

**PARIS, Monday (UP). — The Soviet bloc opened a new campaign today to keep the West from basing the work of the projected new U.N. disarmament commission on the majority-backed Baruch plan for atomic control.**

Poland formally proposed in the Political Committee that the General Assembly set up a new commission without defining its assignment. Instead, the Polish resolution would forward to the new 12-nation group the sharply clashing East and West disarmament blueprints.

Poland's Mr. Stefan Wierblowsky, in making the proposal, warned that an attempt to "impose" the Baruch plan on the new commission "would now be likely to nullify the achievements" of the ten-day Big Four parley — "small as these achievements were."

### Poland's Proposals

He sought to instruct the Political Committee to:

- Establish the disarmament commission.
- Direct it to function under the rules of the Atomic Energy Commission, and
- Direct it to consider the Western resolution and the Soviet amendments.

Nobody made any immediate comment on this Polish move. Voting on the Western revised resolution may come tomorrow afternoon, or else on Wednesday.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, was indisposed today, and put off till tomorrow his expected attack on the Western revised disarmament resolution. This afternoon's meeting of the Committee was cancelled for lack of speakers.

Mr. Vyshinsky's attitude tomorrow was presaged by the speeches of two Soviet bloc delegates, Mr. Kuzma Kisselev of Byelorussia and A.M. Baronovsky of the Ukraine.

Mr. Kisselev said the Western draft did not provide for a ban of the atomic bomb, the most urgent question of all, and asserted it would create "a super U.S. atomic trust" which would subordinate the economics of other countries to the U.S.

Mr. Baronovsky said the Soviet plan indicated that the control organ supervising a ban on atomic weapons would have access to all enterprises that produced, stockpiled or exploited atomic energy, and while the Soviet Union did not contemplate the permanent stationing of inspectors, it would allow frequent inspection if the control organ suspected violations.

# Fischer Warns U.N. Danger From Germany Not Over

By a Special Correspondent

PARIS, Monday. — Making his last intervention in the U.N. Ad Hoc debate on Germany, Mr. M. Fischer, the Israel delegate, predicted the failure of the tripartite proposal and the Swedish proposals, since neither took into account the absolute necessity, as a prior condition, the extermination of Nazism in both East and West Germany.

"We must prevent Germany from giving herself, by purely democratic methods, authority which may be used in order to destroy those democratic institutions from which it emanates. In order to do that the two Germanies should be made to agree to guarantee the final uprooting of Nazism, militarism, and imperialism, and collectively assume the historic German responsibility.

"Only after that should nations encourage Germany to choose through free elections leaders of a new truly regenerated Germany."

Mr. Fischer pointed out that the majority of delegates seemed to consider the present debate only from the angle of divergencies separating Western democratic countries from those under a sub-Communist regime. The result is yielding to the temptation of reducing the German problem to one of a collision between two radically opposed ideologies, when basically the problem is one of German character, ideology and psychology.

### Germany's Problem

"This is a specifically German problem," Mr. Fisher said. "We do not believe that the effect of a few years of occupation permit us to eliminate this factor from consideration, since only by accepting it can any impartial commission judge the merits and demerits of local regimes established by the Germans.

Mr. Fischer believed that the ideological conflict between the two Germanies calls for a comparative study of the regimes, and this should include the question of political liberties enjoyed by Germans. "In carrying out that study, we must not forget that the reenactment of the two world blocs is a prior condition to political rapprochement between the two Germanies," he said.

Mr. Fischer risked certain conclusions, based on the debate in the Ad Hoc Committee. First, that denazification is more radically and vigorously conducted in East Germany than West Germany, and leaves intact the doubt of the efficiency of any forms of control resulting from a freely accepted education system.

On the other hand, Eastern Germany tends to regard herself as completely absolved from any responsibility for Germany's past.

"Second, West Germany seems ready to assume certain responsibilities for the past and, if that tendency translates itself into action, it will constitute an important step on the road to rehabilitation. In the fields of individual restitution West Germany made certain efforts standing in direct contrast to those of East Germany, but it must be noted that there is an inclination in West Germany to forget the horrors of the Hitler regime, and criminal indulgence regarding ex-Nazis and war criminals."

**Mr. Fischer warned against the dangers of remilitarization, whether as an army camouflaged as a police force, or as units of varying size incorporated in other armies. "Nothing will hinder, no matter what precautions are taken, the establishment of a secret German General Staff which, on the first occasion, will rally its dispersed forces in order to assume effective command, to institute tyranny once again, and to spread misery and death."**

### Cannot Be Trusted

"We have heard everyone declare himself a partisan of a sovereign, united and peaceful Germany. The problem which that objective places before us cannot be reduced to a question of electoral techniques which, so far as the two Germanies are concerned, is only a detail of a general ideological conflict involving the whole world. The world cannot, as one would wish, leave the Germans to themselves with regard to their political future," he said.

Analyzing the two draft-resolutions, Mr. Fischer concluded that neither appears capable of bringing us closer to a solution of the German problem because neither takes into acount the specific German character of the problem. "Nobody has tried to prove that conditions allowing free elections exist in East Germany. Contrarily, it seems obvious that these conditions do exist in West Germany. Under these circumstances what is there to investigate? Investigation would have a meaning only after, and not before, an application of the free election system in East Germany."

Mr. Fischer called on the committee to obtain guarantees against a Nazi resurgence. "We cannot accept the stale-mate that this grave omission is justified, because facts have not proved this condition is already filled."

# Churchill Meets Pleven in Paris

**PARIS Monday (Reuter). — Premier Rene Pleven and Prime Minister Winston Churchill tonight got down to serious discussion of Anglo-French solidarity in international affairs. They met in the office of the French Prime Minister for a brief intimate talk before they were joined by their foreign secretaries, Mr. Anthony Eden and M. Robert Schuman, and other advisers.**

The talks adhered to an informal agenda, but centred principally on the topics that Messrs. Churchill and Eden will raise in Washington when they meet President Truman there next month.

Highlights of the discussions, according to an authoritative source, were Britain's attitude to European unity, particularly the European defence community (the Pleven plan), the streamlining of the Atlantic Pact machine recommended by the Harriman committee of NATO, the Korean problem, the impending new Allied relationship with the German Federal Republic and closer Anglo-French cooperation in common defence matters.

Mr. Churchill

Mr. Churchill was expected to tell M. Pleven, the source said, that Britain would give her full support to French efforts to bring about European integration. This applied especially to backing the French attempt to achieve a tight European defence community under a supranational organization.

The general recommendation of the NATO committee for boosting the military effort and arms production schedules of the Atlantic alliance, were expected to be the principal topic in the defence sphere.

These included, it is believed, the appointment of a new high-powered coordinator to run the whole NATO machine and cut out the present weaknesses in reconciling the views of the 12 nations.

M. Pleven

On Korea, the two Premiers were discussing the form of machinery that might be set up to negotiate a political settlement once a military truce had been concluded. But neither French nor British quarters have any illusion about the remoteness of an overall settlement.

# Break in Egyptian Deadlock Looms

LONDON, Monday. — Diplomatic quarters here said today that there was every reason to suppose that Mr. Eden would make a constructive move to break the Anglo-Egyptian deadlock at his meeting with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah e-Din, in Paris tomorrow afternoon.

It was thought that he would indicate readiness to reopen negotiations with Egypt which, if successful, would make the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty a dead letter. At the same time, he is expected to emphasize that any resumption of negotiations would have to be accompanied by the end of terrorism and intimidation by Egyptian extremists.

It was predicted that Mr. Eden might agree to a "staggered" withdrawal of British troops from the Canal Zone within two years and their replacement by U.S.-trained and armed Egyptian troops.

In Cairo yesterday, both the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, and the Australian Minister, Mr. Claude Massey, visited the Acting Foreign Minister, Faraj Pasha, in an effort to mediate.

The Egyptian Minister of the Interior told the Senate tonight that the Government had decided to take over control of the "Liberation Battalions" because "certain elements have infiltrated into their ranks which worked for their own purposes." The Minister, Fuad Seraj E-Din Pasha, explained "an armed struggle between Egyptians would have resulted."

The Minister of Interior today listed 122 incidents which, he said, were caused by infiltrating elements against Egyptians and non-British foreigners between October 16 and December 6. These included robberies, threats to obtain money, incitement to murder and urging government labour to leave work.

# 5 States Proposed To Probe Germany

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — In the Special (Ad Hoc) Political Committee today, Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Britain) proposed five smaller nations, including Poland, to probe conditions for all-German elections, and thus rescue both East and West from an "uncomfortable dilemma."

He asked the Soviet Union to reflect well before pronouncing any too definite "no" to this. He hoped Poland would serve on the proposed commission with Brazil, Iceland, the Netherlands and Pakistan, as it was not desired that the views of certain Eastern European countries should go unrepresented.

The three powers were not trying a "trick," he said.

"The truth is that they find themselves, as indeed to give them credit, the Soviet Government may also find themselves, in an uncomfortable dilemma." Both sides wanted Germany united, yet neither side could agree on the precise methods of achieving it.

"Let us then both agree on an investigation by an admittedly impartial body," he said

The Committee adjourned till 4 p.m. tomorrow (Israel time).

## First Free Dealings In Pound in 12 Years

LONDON, Monday (AP). — Dealers bought and sold the British pound on an open market for the first time in 12 years today.

The price fluctuated only a fraction above and below the official rate of $2.80. Bankers reported trading was heavy.

The government reopened the market in a controlled test of the pound's value. It will be altered to rise or fall (only about two cents on either side) of its official value.

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## Social & Personal

Signor Francesco Paolo Compagnola, Italian Consul in Haifa, left for Rome by L.A.I. yesterday.

The violinist, Ossy Renardy, arrived by B.O.A.C. from Rome yesterday. He will play the Brahms violin concerto at the I.P.O. "Special Subscriptions" series opening in Tel Aviv on Thursday. He will also give recitals during his three-week stay.

Mr. Arraham Rimon has been appointed Acting Director of the Implementation Division of the Compulsory Education Act in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Dr. Frederic Tryfus of New York, specialist in Orthodontia and Prosthetics, lectured recently to the Israel Dental Association at the Ezrath Health Centre.

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell will lecture on "Problems of Minority Groups in the U.S.A." at 8.15 this evening at Terra Sancta College (Room 2).

### KIRKBRIDE FETED BY JORDAN PREMIER

A farewell dinner in honor of the British Minister to Jordan, Sir Alec Kirkbride, was given in Amman last night by Premier Tewfik Pasha Abu'l Huda.

Sir Alec has been transferred to Libya, and is leaving to assume his new post next week. Reviewing the British diplomat's 24-year service in Jordan, Tewfik Pasha described him as one of the main pillars of independent Jordan.

### J. B. PRIESTLEY A SOCIALIST NO MORE

LONDON, Monday, (UP). — Mr. J.P. Priestley, the author and playwright, who has just returned from the U.S., announced last night that he is no longer a Socialist.

"Ten years ago my views were vaguely Socialist, but they are not now. That does not mean to say that I am anti-socialist or that I am turning Tory," Mr. Priestley said.

Mr. Priestley also resigned from the left-wing "New Statesman and Nation."

## 05225 Wins IL. 15,000

The IL.15,000 prize in the Popular Loan drawing was won by number 05225 in Series I yesterday in Jerusalem.

The other winning numbers were: IL.5,000 number 05225, series II; IL. 2,000 number 05225, series III, IV, and V.

IL. 1,000, number 34762, all series. IL. 500, numbers: 35127, 23645, all series. IL.250, numbers 36303, 07447.

FROM YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

# Teachers Urged to Strive For Unity as Histadrut Group

Thousands of teachers, members of the Histadrut, will go to the polls today to choose their representatives for the Teachers' Union Conference. Two years ago, when the Teachers' Union joined the Histadrut, some elements favoured an independent organization; but, says "Davar" (Histadrut), this division had an adverse professional and social effect.

The paper stresses that the many difficulties facing the teacher have increased as a result of mass immigration. Only by a maximum of internal unity can these difficulties be overcome, it says, calling on the teachers to strengthen by their vote the pro-unity forces and the Histadrut in general.

### Numerous Lists

"Herut," on the other hand, says that not one of the important problems of the Teachers' Union has been solved by affiliation with the Histadrut. On the contrary, it says, the fact that there are about a dozen lists in today's elections shows that things are not as they should be. Working conditions have not improved and the teachers' demand for recognition as State employees has not been fulfilled, the paper adds. Their situation, after two years in the Histadrut, raises concern, "Herut" asserts; and their internal split weakens their position in negotiations with the authorities.

The expected improvement in the teachers' lot after the establishment of the State, writes "Haboker" (General Zionist), did not materialize. One reason for this is that their leaders "lack the necessary elbows." An unsound situation has been created, the paper says, in which intellectual professions are discriminated against, because every one knows that they will not abandon their posts.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) announces that the Communists have no separate list and they therefore advise all their sympathizers to vote for Mapam.

### Credit for Strife

Most papers carry further comment on Friday's events in Haifa. The demonstration of solidarity was described by "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) as mainly a Mapam affair, while "Kol Ha'am" stressed the Communist part in the demonstration printing the address by Mr. Mikunis. "Haboker" and "Hamedia" (Agudat Israel) reported that the demonstration split in two because of differences of opinion at the meeting between the two organizing parties.

"Hador" (Mapai) and "Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) strongly attacked the "Cominform forces who finally succeeded in their task of provoking bloodshed." However, the Mapai paper says, "the shedding of police blood was not what they wanted. They need wounded civilians and they send their 12-13-year-olds to provoke such clashes."

"Hatzofe" says that the Haifa incident was an attempt at "open revolt." The public made up its mind long ago on the nature of the dispute and those who came to "help" the seamen were certainly motivated by very different interests."

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) also reports that those fighting squads of the Kibbutz Artzi who went to the Port received orders to do so, but apart from the Communists and certain unruly elements who are found in every port, nobody joined the demonstrators. Instead of creating an atmosphere of class solidarity, the paper says, the seamen succeeded merely in isolating themselves. The time has passed for "revolutionary gestures". Like those needed in the time of the British, says "Ha'aretz," and the working class is not prepared to put up with the juvenile behaviour of some of its members who insist on remaining adolescents forever. "Davar" published as a supplement the full text of the Histadrut Executive's debate on this issue.

## South African PATWA Group Arrives

A group of young university men and women left the summer warmth of their native South Africa last week and arrived here a few days ago, just in time for the storm.

Now on a tour of the Jerusalem area, the group has spent much of its time "trying to keep warm." By the end of the week, nine of them, who are about to begin their final year at medical school, will be serving as medical assistants at various Kupat Holim institutions, while another member, who is studying geology, will be working in the Negev with the Development Authority there. They will stay for about two months and will be paid by the groups employing them.

The arrangement is part of a PATWA (Professional and Technical Workers' Aliya) scheme to attract potential professionals who might be of service to the country, and since they are not yet burdened with a family, would have an easier time finding accommodation in the country.

## Swiss Railway Expert Expected Shortly

By Henriette Boas

A Swiss railway expert is expected here shortly for a three-month period during which he will advise the Government on improvements in the railroad system, the Minister of Communications, Mr. Dr. Z. Pinkas, told this correspondent in an interview aboard the plane bearing Mr. Pinkas to the U.S. for the week-end conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Atlantic City.

The Government is of the opinion the Minister disclosed, that railway passenger traffic — which in 1950 reached 1.5m. mark as compared with 262m. bus passengers — can be stepped up considerably through better coordination of rail and bus services.

It is conceivable, under the Ministry's plan, that where rail and bus service between two points overlap, a revision of schedules may be needed to avoid the duplication, he said. Thus, for example, if there is a 7 p.m. train from Haifa to Tel Aviv, it is possible that no buses in the same direction would be permitted after 6 p.m.

### Belgian Freight Cars

There is no shortage of passenger railway carriages, Mr. Pinkas said, adding that 200 freight cars were ordered recently from Belgium.

The transportation problem will be the subject of Knesset discussion after the Minister's return from his 10-day stay in the U.S.

The Public Committee on Road Transport, set up last September by Dr. Dov Joseph, Mr. Pinkas' predecessor, to study conditions of urban and interurban bus and taxi transportation, has not met yet, it is understood, because the person originally designated as the chairman has not accepted the nomination.

**TURBINE-HELICOPTER.** — The U.S. Navy has tested successfully a helicopter powered by a gas turbine, a midget-sized engine which develops 175 H.P.

## ON THE AIR

**JERUSALEM: 491 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.9, 32.3 & 232 M.**

**NEWS: Hebrew**: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m.; **English**: 2 and 9.00 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.35 and 7.15 p.m.; **French**: 3 p.m.

**6.30 a.m.** Service. **6.35** Exercises. **6.45** Musical Clock (R). **7.15** Melodies. **7.45** Oriental Music: R. Amar. **8.30** Close Down.

**10.00 a.m.** Morning Concert (R). **10.30** Variety. **11.00** At the Opera (R). **12.00 N.** Break for Music (R). **12.30** Consumer's Cooperatives. **12.50** Programme for Hospitals. **1.00** Soldier's Programme: Requests. **1.45** Housewives' Corner. **3.15** Close Down.

**4.00 p.m.** Vocal Recital: Ruth Sharon. **4.30** "Mifal Hapayis" Drawing. (Relayed from Ohel Shem, Tel Aviv). **4.45** Piano Recital: Israel Gichon. **5.00** Programme for Yemenites. **5.30** Agricultural News. **5.50** Continuation of "Mifal Hapayis" Drawing. **6.15** "News in the Arab World," by R. Mutzeri. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** Talk. **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45** Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Eytan Lustig; Soloist: Yehoshua Zohar. Symphony No. 40 (Mozart). Cantata of Mourning (Edel). **9.45** Continuation of Concert: "Night Music" (Scarlatti); Prayer for Baritone, Trumpet, Percussion & Strings (Orgad); Divertimento (Koblas). **10.15** Requests. **11.00** Close Down.

**Immigrants' Hour**: (32.3 & 480 M.): **6.30** p.m. **French**; **7.00** p.m. **Ladino**; **7.30** p.m. **Yiddish**; **8.00** p.m. **Turkish**; **8.15** p.m. **Persian.**

**Kol Zion Lagola** (33.3 M.): 11.30 p.m. Newsreel. **11.45** A Visit to the Artists' House in Jerusalem. **12.00** Violin Recital: David Grunschlag.

**B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS** (31.32 & 42.05 M.): **6.30** News. **6.40** News Talk. **6.45** Visitors' Corner. **6.55** Chinese Lesson.

**ARMY PROGRAMMES** (220, 225 & 44.6 M.): **6.30** p.m. Programme Announcement. **6.35** "Nahal Programme." **7.00** Jazz Rhythm. **7.30** Today's Events. **7.35** Works by Handel. **8.00** Soldiers' Programme. **8.30** News. **8.45** News from the Arab World. **9.00** Dance Music. **10.00** Close Down.

**VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew** Programme: 8—8.30 p.m. (13.85, 16.85, 19.91, 19.82 & 25.55 M. from U.S.A.; 31.20 & 41.25 from Tangiers).

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## AT THE CINEMA

### TWO PREMIERES IN HAIFA

THE Garson Kanin stage success "Born Yesterday", which has been played here by the Chamber Theatre, is now on the screen at the May Cinema, (Haifa). The story of the unscrupulous businessman's girl friend, who takes up with the young journalist to their mutual profit, has become amusing farce. The worldly-wise journalist (William Holden) opens her eyes to the life which she is leading and the possibilities arising out of her nominal control of the boss's companies. The process of education introduces some interesting Washington sights.

The entire film centres on July Holliday's performance as Billy Dawn. It begins as mere caricature, stiff and overmannered, but, as the light of knowledge begins to settle on her, both the part and her acting brighten.

**P.O.W. Escape**

AMONG the daring P.O.W. escapes of World War II was that of three British officers from a German camp through a tunnel laboriously dug under cover of a wooden vaulting horse.

"The Wooden Horse" (Armon, Haifa), recounts the story in a straightforward manner. Indeed the introductory title "from a novel by Eric Ambler" rather blurs the authenticity of the story. The customary under-acting of British films, a defect to foreigners, is here appropriate to what must have been the cool nonchalance by which the prisoners avoided suspicion of the laborious daily digging beneath the gymnastics "horse" and disposal of the sacks of excavated sand. "The Wooden Horse" is a fascinating, well photographed film of cool courage. Leo Genn has the leading part although, since the characters of prisoners, Germans, and members of the French and Danish underground run to type, outstanding individual performance is not required. The production scores in its atmosphere — the complete boredom of the same legs appearing over the same bunk day after day, the same jokes by the Germans, the ever recurring events at the same time of day.

And then the escape, with the sound of distant churchbells, the first sign of the outside world, as the prisoners come out of the tunnel — the growing nervous snappishness of the escapees, the desperate contact with a Frenchman, who might possibly have given them away, and the dull German hotelkeeper.

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"CALL Me Mister" (Zion, Jerusalem), a Broadway G.I. revue with a sprinkling of Wacs and Waves, comes to the screen with a postwar Tokyo background featuring Betty Grable, Dan Dailey and the Dunhill Trio. It is an average musical with a none-too-exciting plot or choreography.

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## U.S. View of Israel Soccer

(A sample of American press comment on soccer relations between the U.S. and Israel is this excerpt from the column of George Buta, sports writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer. The column is entitled "Corner Kicks" and the headline for the column on the soccer visit was "Soccer Hands Across the Sea.")

"Israel's best soccer players, the combined strength in booting talent from the Hapoel, Betar and Maccabi clubs will return in 1952, the recent visit of the American League 'All-Stars' The U.S. team which toured Israel recently came home with glowing reports of soccer's progress in that country. Its development was stressed by the excellent calibre of team play.

Of three games, the Americans were on the long end of the decisions in two, meeting defeat at the skill of Hapoel, 2-0, and Maccabi, 3-0. It was in the odd match that the U.S. combination — comprised of five Philadelphians — were able to defeat an all-star-line-up of Israel's players, 2-1. The games on the good-will tour were played at Tel Aviv, Jaffa and Haifa before 10,000 and better crowds.

Wal: Bahr, Tommy Oliver and Len (Red) Owen of the Philadelphia Nationals, along with the Americans Bob Gormley and Johnny Hughes were impressed by the size of the stadiums in Israel. The games were played upon grass fields except for the final. Two of the Israel clubs, it was recalled, visited this city several years ago and played all-Philadelphia pick-teams at Shibe Park and Temple Stadium.

### Favourable Impression

In 1948, we recall, Israel sent a National all-star team to this country. It was at Shibe Park that sharp-shooting forwards Abraham Bogdanoff, Joe Miramovitz, Alaxar Spiegel, Moshe Aron and Ernie Veremesh put on a dazzling display of offensive play, only to lose to an All-Star American combination. Eli Fuchs, the visitors' ace halfback, converted a penalty try in the final seconds to avert a shutout. The spectators, however, gained a favourable impression of the Israel team's continental style of soccer.

It will be remembered that Gormely played in that match — the proceeds aiding the families of Israel's war dead — and the goals were scored by Olympian Eddie Souza, New England star; Rolfe Valing, former Swarthmore College luminary and then with the Philadelphia Americans; Josey White and Jackie Sullivan, two of the Nationals' scintillants. The Israel team will play here again next May.

### SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

**Ustica**, Yug., gen. cargo, **Kosmosina**, Is. gen. cargo, **Carloerla Viola**, It., sugar, **Redmah**, Is., gen. cargo, **Fenrir**, Sw., gen. cargo, **Lucie Pole**, It., hay, **De Vilhena**, Br., gen. cargo, **Maltese Prince**, Br., gen. cargo, **Abbazia**, It., gen. cargo, **Tel Aviv** Is., gen. cargo, **Arona**, Hond., gen. cargo, **Leonidas D.**, Pan. wood, **Rimes**, Is., gen. cargo, **Scio**, Hond., being repaired, **Hamared**, Is., compl. unloading, **S. Michele**, It., tents, **Corub**, Tur., compl. unloading.

**SHIPS EXPECTED**

17.12 **Kapitanagia**, wood, **Piriant**, plywood, **Erhelm**, gen. cargo, paper wood, **Safenas**, will load citrus and cars, **Exermont**, gen. cargo, **Hemsetjell**, will load citrus, **Kahrea**, wheat, **Anniston City**, gen. cargo, 20.12 **Columbia Heights**, hay, mules, horses.

### Jerusalem Cinemas

At 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
**ARNON**: Pirates of Monterey.
**EDEN**: Summer Stock.
**EDISON**: The Avengers.
**ORION**: Night and The City.
**SEMADAR**: Carlvan.
**STUDIO**: L'eliair D'amore.
**ZION**: Call Me Mister.

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### Where to Go

**JERUSALEM**

8-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Remema, Bus 3A. **Feeding time**: 2-3 p.m.

9-1, 2-5: Exhibition of oil paintings by van Haardt, Paris. Exhibit of the Month: Jewish Bronze Lamp, 3rd cent. Bezalel Museum.

9-3: Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities: 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.

10-1, 4-7: Exhibition of Printed Graphic by Israel artists & Exhibition of Silk-screen prints by Joel Rohr at the Artists' House.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

**TEL AVIV**

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Retrospective exhibition of selected paintings of Joseph Zaretzki; 61 oils and water colours: Tel Aviv Museum.

7 & 9.40 p.m.: **Georges Val** presents "Li-La-Lo News" by Lies Grunberg; Yasha Heifetz Hall.

8 p.m.: "Queen of Sheba": Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

**HAIFA**

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library—Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

11 a.m.-6 p.m.: Exhibition of paintings by A. Millich, Museum, Town Hall.

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| Lydda A.P. | 69 | 8 | 14 | 15 |
| Jerusalem | 56 | 2 | 6 | 7 |

Forecast: Partly cloudy with strong southwestern winds becoming showery with risk of squalls.

"A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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**Bat Yam** will be connected on Friday afternoon by automatic telephone dialing with Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Jaffa, Holon, and Hakirya.

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**Anyone wishing** to send personal regards in Yiddish to friends or relatives abroad should report at 4.30 Thursday afternoon to Kol Israel's studios at Hakirya, Tel Aviv.

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**A seventeen-year-old youth** was severely injured by a hit-run driver in Zhido Village near Tel Aviv yesterday. He was taken to the Government hospital.

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**All regional meetings** which were to be held today in Tel Aviv have been postponed because of adverse weather conditions, the Ministry of Commerce announced.

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**The appointment** of the members of the Insurance Council according to the Law of Control of Insurance Companies was gazetted yesterday.

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**The appointment** of 11 Appeal Committees for Pensions and Rehabilitation in accordance with the Fallen Soldiers' Families Law was gazetted yesterday. The Committees can be contacted at the Magistrate's Court in Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

## Elath Air Service May Be Halted

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — The Arkia Air Service to Elath was resumed today after a stoppage of two days due to stormy weather.

The resumption of the service will probably be brief, however, as there is a shortage of spare parts it is learned here. The Arkia Company which operates only an internal service between Lydda and Elath, has no source of foreign currency to permit it to purchase urgently-needed replacement parts.

## LOCAL SCHOOL FEE TO BUY BOOKS

PETAH TIKVA, Monday (ITIM). — A special rate of IL.10 per child in the first four grades of elementary schools here and IL.7.500 for the last four grades will be collected by the Municipality here in the future.

This was decided at last night's meeting of the Council. The money raised will provide school books and writing materials and will serve as a fund for the building of children clubs.

## Editing Panel Denies Schmorak Charges

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Assertions by Dr. E. Schmorak, former Comptroller General of the Jewish Agency, that parts of his report on the activities of the Agency had been deleted and other parts changed to distort his meaning were denied here today by the "Committee of Three" appointed to prepare the document for publication.

The three members — Mr. A. Reiss, Rabbi A. Neufeld and Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda — strongly denied the Comptroller's charges, and accused Mr. Schmorak of permitting the report to be published while it was still a secret document, and adopting the attitude of a "judge above criticism."

Although not instructed to correct the style of the report, the three members told the press today that they had made certain corrections in the wording "to make the report fit for publication in the name of the Jewish Agency." Mr. Reiss said that their duty was also to decide which parts of the report are outside the competence of the Comptroller's department and should be omitted, and which parts should be issued only to the sections of the Agency concerned. Mr. Reiss charged that although Dr. Schmorak had originally agreed to secrecy in the work and reports of his department, he had later disregarded his own agreement and had allowed the report to be published.

The speaker said that Dr. Schmorak had cooperated with the Committee on the editing of the first four reports but had refused to meet them on the fifth. In the previous reports, the only changes made were carried out to clarify certain statements, Mr. Reiss said. A seven-man committee had been established by the Zionist Congress to examine charges of mismanagement of funds or other complaints of financial laxity, and such charges were not to be made public until the facts had been fully investigated.

Mr. Bar-Yehuda said that the three-man Committee had not suppressed material, but had requested even fuller information. To this end a list of 40 questions had been submitted to Dr. Schmorak some time ago, but no reply had been received. These questions had been designed to make more definite certain general allegations and to provide precise figures where round numbers or missing articles or sums expended had been used in the original report.

## MILK PRODUCTION PROBE PROMISED

The establishment of a public committee of enquiry into milk production and marketing was promised by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Levi Eshkol, at a meeting with representatives of independent milk producers in Jerusalem yesterday.

## Rainwater Filling Big Negev Dams

Two dams in the northern Negev have been completed and the recent rains are already filling the semi-natural reservoirs, Ministry of Agriculture sources reported in Jerusalem yesterday.

While the dams may be used for irrigation this summer, their main function is to enable the Ministry's Water Department to study problems connected with the storing of rain water, particularly evaporation by the summer sun, losses due to soil absorption and silting.

The dams are 10 metres high and close off a medium sized wadi. Construction cost IL.70,000 and was completed in about five months.

Three more dams are planned for next year.

## C.o.L. Up 7 Points

The Interim Cost of Living index rose seven points over October's figure of 388 to a new high of 395 points in November, the Central Bureau of Statistics reports.

Food prices show an overall increase of 3 points. Individual items rose as follows: carrots from 105 to 126 pruta a kilogram, cabbage from 110 to 128 pruta a kilogram, tomatoes from 161 to 188 pruta a kilogram, bananas from 258 to 273 pruta a kilogram. The price of kerosene rose by 26 per cent and cigarettes by seven per cent.

Other substantial increases were: clothing by 24 points (2.7 per cent), furniture and household utensils by five points (0.5 per cent), education and culture by 13 points (3.2 per cent) following the rise in book and newspaper prices, and electricity by five points (2.1 per cent).

## By-Law on Capital's Taxi Services

Taxi services in Jerusalem will be reorganized following an agreement reached last week between the Municipality and Traffic Police.

A Municipal by-law has been drafted making it compulsory for every taxi driver to establish contact with one of the city's 18 stations.

The overcrowding of centrally located taxi-ranks as well as the fact that veteran drivers had lodged numerous complaints that newcomers in the profession take over their places at the stations when they are away on call were among the reasons for the decision.

Over 60 of Jerusalem's 340 registered taxi drivers have already applied for registration and their posting to taxi stations. When the by-law becomes effective, drivers without special registration certificates will not only be prosecuted, but will also forfeit their right to park at the authorized stations. No telephone arrangements exist except at two stations. *(ITIM)*

## Man Killed in Collision With Jeep

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Hillel Nissim, 52, of Tel Aviv was killed today when the bicycle he was riding collided with a jeep driven by Nahum Zaif. The jeep then struck a passerby, Mrs. Hanna Borimi, 49, also of Tel Aviv, who was taken to the Hadassah hospital. The driver was detained.

## POSTAL WORKER HELD FOR STEALING GIFTS

Ezra ben David Abbadu, 26, a Jerusalem postal employee, was arrested on Sunday on charges of stealing from gift parcels. He was suspected by other employees after loitering in the parcels store room, and a police search revealed two bars of candy, three suits of children's clothes, and a bakelite cup.

A further search of his home in Mea She'arim quarter revealed other articles believed to have been stolen. *(ITIM)*

## 2 More Stowaways On Turkish Ship

HAIFA, Monday.—Two more stowaways who were rescued from the s.s. Gucum Erman which sank in Haifa Bay at dawn on Friday, were charged with trying to leave the country illegally and were released on bail by the Port Police yesterday. One of them is still in hospital. Another stowaway gave himself up on Friday. It is not yet clear how many men had hidden themselves on the ship and had gone down with her.

First aid, blankets, and hot drinks were given by I.P.C. employees to shivering sailors who reached land near the I.P.C. installations.

## CARD CONCEALER FINED

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — A man who hid a pack of cards while the police searched a suspected gambling house in Jaffa, thereby hampering them in the carrying out of their duty, was fined IL.50 with the alternative of six weeks' imprisonment. He was also bound over in IL.300 to be of good behaviour for three years by the Magistrate here today.

The accused is Ahmed Khalifa, 55, owner of a restaurant at 60 Rehov 38, Jaffa.

## Oil Mining Bill Being Drafted

A new Oil Mining Bill dealing with prospecting, concessions and exploitation will be submitted to the Knesset within two or three months, it was learned yesterday in Jerusalem.

An inter-ministerial committee, composed of top-ranking representatives of the Ministries of Finance, Commerce and Industry, and Agriculture and Development, is at present studying aspects of oil prospecting and oil legislation.

In the proposed Bill, the attitude of the Government will be crystallised and the question of oil-prospecting concessions given by the Mandatory Government will be clarified, it was learned.

The geophysical research of possible oil areas is nearing completion, it was learned, and the Government will have to decide whether to allocate large sums for test drilling or to grant concessions for this purpose. However, the Ministry of Agriculture and Development is now preparing the ground in case it should be decided to order drilling equipment from abroad.

The interest of prospective investors in oil prospecting in Israel has increased since the publication of the Bull Report in the U.S. several months ago, it was stated.

## 8,000 TEACHERS GO TO POLLS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The 8,000 teachers throughout the country went to the polls today to elect 120 delegates to the Teachers' Conference which opens in Jerusalem on December 24. Of the 3,635 votes counted late last night, Mapai received 1,552, Mizrahi 620, Mapam 592, General Zionists 305, Progressives 256, Women Teachers 152 while four other lists got under 100 votes each.

Next Monday's conference will be the first to be held since the Teachers' Union joined the Histadrut. The three main questions to be discussed at the Conference, to be opened by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education, Dr. B. Z. Dinaburg, are: the general tasks of teachers in Israel; teachers as civil servants; and salaries.

## Bar Association Meets in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The conference of the Israel Lawyers' Association ended here tonight with the election of a board of 17 members, all of their belonging to right-wing parties.

One of the resolutions was that the Lawyers' Association should not be of a political nature. It also asked that judicial system be independent of the Ministry of Justice.

The Association also decided to create a fund, to which each member will contribute, to help new immigrant lawyers.

## CELLER DEDICATES STUDENT HOSTEL

The site of a student hostel to be erected by the U.S. Order B'nai Zion was yesterday dedicated by Congressman Emanuel Celler on Jewish National Fund land at Bet Mazmil.

A scroll recording the dedication ceremony was presented to Mr. Celler by Mayor S. Z. Shragai, "as a token of appreciation of his championship of Israel's cause for many years."

Among the participants were Professor Alexander Dushkin, representing the Hebrew University, Mr. John Rhodes, the U.S. Vice Consul, Mr. Ya'acov Arnon of the Foreign Ministry and Mr. Gibbon, Chairman of the Students' Union.

In the past two days, Mr. Celler conferred with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Labour, Mrs Golda Myerson, Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak and the Chief Rabbi.

Mr. and Mrs. Celler, who planted a tree in the Martyr's Forest in the Jerusalem Hills on Sunday morning, were honoured at a reception by the National Institutions in the evening. They yesterday started on a two-day JNF tour of the Negev.

Mr. Celler, before his departure, sent a message to President Weizmann containing wishes for a speedy recovery.


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## 12 NATO Countries Agree in Principle

PARIS, Monday. — (Reuter). — Representatives of 12 NATO Pact nations have reached "virtually full agreement" on the rearmament plans drafted by NATO's "Three Wise Men," a spokesman said today after this morning's meeting of NATO's Coordinating Committee.

"There is agreement in principle on everything," he said. Certain "cleaning up" remained before the final adoption of the report.

The Committee will meet again later today to complete a summary of the bulky report, the draft of which was worked out by Mr. Averell Harriman (U.S.), Sir Edwin Plowden (Britain) and M. Jean Monnet (France).

The Committee, which is likely to be disbanded in the next few days, has hardly touched upon the military annexes which lay down specific programmes and targets for each nation's part in the rearmament drive.

Each country has already received the annex applying to itself and a conference may take place in Paris next month to ascertain government responses before the NATO Council meeting in Lisbon early in February at which the plan is to be finally approved.

The French Finance Minister, M. Rene Mayer, after an inter-ministerial conference today, announced that no definite French military budget for 1952 would be adopted before the Lisbon conference, and France would comply with the NATO "Wise Men's" request for a five per cent increase in the projected military expenditure of 985 billion francs.

M. Mayer added that he had "considerable reserves" about whether the budget, even after the five per cent increase, would be sufficient to realize France's 1952 rearmament programme.

## 'Racket-Buster' To Head U.S. Investigation

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter).—Federal Judge Thomas E. Murphy, renowned as a "racket-buster", is to head a "house-cleaning" investigation into charges of official corruption in the U.S., according to usually reliable sources here.

He has accepted an assignment from President Truman to direct a non-partisan commission of inquiry, these sources said. The Director of the F.B.I., Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, is also expected to play a major part.

No formal announcement has yet been made, but one is soon expected. Mr. Murphy declined to tell reporters the outcome of his week-end talks with the President. Last week President Truman promised drastic action, following recent charges of tax corruption and other scandals.

A Congressional investigation was held recently into allegations that officials of the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Bureau had accepted gifts from people under investigation for tax evasion and condoned attempts to extort money from tax evaders with guilty consciences.

## Israel Observer At Europe Atom Talks

PARIS, Monday (AFP). — Israel has sent an observer to a conference to study the creation of a European laboratory of nuclear physics, which opened here today at UNESCO House.

Twelve countries are represented officially: Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

## 40 Die in Brazilian Train Accident

RIO DE JANEIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Forty people were reported killed and many injured in a rail crash near Fort Aleza, in the Brazilian state of Ceara, today.

Thirty-four bodies had been removed from the wreckage by early afternoon. The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

## Coffee . . .

*Housewife's report :—*

There's been a lot of experimental mixing, to make a tasty drink with little coffee. But finally I've decided that "Shavit" improves the coffee by strengthening the aroma. The best mixture, please note: half coffee, half "Shavit." — Try coffee with "Shavit," you will be grateful to me afterwards. "Shavit" is available at all groceries.

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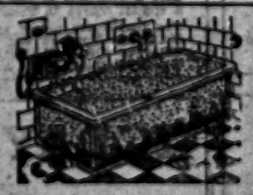

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## Eddie Cantor Opens New U.J.A. Drive

ATLANTIC CITY, (AP). — Mr. Eddie Cantor today launched a six-week drive to mobilize workers for a record breaking $250,000,000 U.J.A. drive for 1952.

At yesterday's closing session of the U.J.A. conference, Mr. Abba Eban said that the period of mass immigration to Israel had not ended.

He said, "In 1952 it is fairly certain some 120,000 immigrants will enter our gates. An increase of population by 6% per cent in five years is without precedent. Manifestly it calls for an unusual effort and unusual goals."

## 'Observer' Proposes Gaza As New British Base

LONDON, Monday (INA). — The "Observer" here carried an article yesterday by Mr. Robert Stephens suggesting that the Gaza strip might be a suitable new Middle East base for Great Britain.

Stating that the base must be in an area where it would be proof against political changes, and that it should not be in the territory of any sovereign state, including Israel, the article suggests that the Gaza area would suit these requirements, having a port which could be developed, a large labour supply from the refugees on the spot, a section of the Palestine Railway system and some local food supply.

Mr. Stephens suggests that the Egyptians probably would not object to such a transfer, which had already been welcomed in the Cairo Press, since "the presence of British troops there would constitute a partial buffer between Egypt and Israel, and the Egyptian army would be free to withdraw to its own territory without loss of face. Such a development also might not be unwelcome to Israel."

## U.S. Investigate One Of Worst Air Crashes

ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, Monday (Reuter). — Authorities today began an investigation into the crash here yesterday of a winter holiday plane in which all 56 people on board were killed. It was the second-worst plane smash in U.S. history.

The plane, a twin-engined transport bound for Florida and winter holidays for most of its passengers, burst into flames minutes after taking off from Newark airport.

A wing dropped off and the plane dived, narrowly missed a row of houses here and blazing wreckage piled up in the sluggish Elizabeth River. The dead included four children, two of them babies.

Within hours, two other aircraft had narrow escapes. At Amarillo, Texas, a plane with 38 passengers made a safe emergency landing and just missed a collision with a speeding train.

A DC-4 carrying passengers skidded to a landing at Miami International Airport today after circling the airport for an hour and four minutes with the nose wheel stuck. The pilot finally decided to try a landing on the plane's two main wheels and the tail, and did so without injuries.

## Income Tax Law

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on earnings of IL.750-800, families with one child would pay on incomes exceeding IL.960 and with two children on incomes exceeding IL.1,100. Mr. Kaplan said that the increase of the basic deductions would also benefit the high income brackets, as on every IL.50 deduction those in the top bracket would save IL.40 in taxes.

The Finance Minister explained at length that the substitution of a system of tax credits for personal deductions benefited the low income groups. Under the current system which is based upon the British practice, deductions on account of dependants are made from gross incomes. Under the new proposals copied from the American system, deductions on account of dependants will be made from the actual taxes.

This obviously benefited the low income groups as under the old system, the higher the bracket a tax-payer was in, the more he saved through personal deductions. Now, the actual tax saving for wives and children will be the same for all income groups.

### Less Than 10 Per Cent

The Finance Minister also challenged statements that taxes were "catastrophic." He said that national income last year had been between IL.340 m. and IL.350 m., and income tax revenues anticipated was IL.31 m., which was less than 10 per cent. "Should this discourage investment?" he asked: "Is this catastrophic?"

Mr. Kaplan criticized the claims by Mr. Yosef Serlin and Mr. Pevsner Bernstein, of the General Zionists, and Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) that the tax on capital gains was in effect a tax on losses. "If it doesn't pay to sell, they won't sell," he declared.

In the debate, Dr. Bader had opposed the clause permitting the Finance Minister to publish returns on income and Mr. Serlin said he would support the amendment if it was made a rule and not left to the discretion of the Finance Minister. Mr. Kaplan replied later that it would be a waste to publish the entire list of 300,000 tax payers. The innovation, he said, was designed to get at groups who were evading payments.

He disclosed incidentally that Government employees had provided 10-11 per cent of the total revenue and 30 per cent of the revenue came from wage-earners. This showed how widespread tax evasion was.

Mr. Kaplan said he would discuss the proposal by Mrs. Beba Idelson (Mapai) and Mrs Hanna Lamdan (Mapam) that tax credits be allowed for maternity cost.

## Cables in Brief

**ATLANTIC WEALTH.** — [illegible] the Canadian province of Quebec today is the seat of more wealth [illegible] [illegible] east of the Rockies, [illegible] of 20 degrees below zero being recorded in three days.

**PLEBISCITE.** — [illegible] Guayana planning to [illegible] their independence [illegible] [illegible] of a plebiscite. Plebiscite Commissioners [illegible] as a voter [illegible] [illegible] property, only the city of Georgetown voting against the proposed change.

**FIRE.** — Police [illegible] 3 [illegible] 1,000 of factory [illegible] [illegible] from fire yesterday in [illegible] Central Japan, in which [illegible] were destroyed and 3,000 people rendered homeless.

**MANOEUVRES.** — Reports of British troops in Hongkong [illegible] part in weekend manoeuvres described as "routine," just a few kilometres from the Chinese border.

**PACT.** — Konosuke Matsushita, Secretary-General of the Japanese Liberal Party, said yesterday that it would not be long before Japan, the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines were united in a joint military pact.

**TALKS.** — An Indonesian delegation started talks yesterday in Tokyo with the Japanese Government on reparations, fisheries and transport questions.

**TRUSTEESHIP.** — Britain and France yesterday asked the U.N. to support their submissions for a joint local council for British and French Togoland to promote the "legitimate interests" of the two and other tribes in the former German colony.

**ARRIVAL.** — Mr. Robert Neil Gardner, British Embassy Secretary, expelled from Czechoslovakia for alleged espionage, refused to comment on his expulsion on arrival in Prague when he arrived in London on Sunday.

**DEATH.** — Dr. Paris Mayer Perlmutter, 89 year old co-editor of the Chicago afternoon paper [illegible] and oldest journalist in the [illegible] died last night in Cairo yesterday. He was born in the Lebanon, but emigrated to Egypt.

**LORD MAYOR.** — Mr. Constantine Nicopoulos, 45, part-time tramway conductor in Greece's Metaxas pro-war dictatorship, has been elected Lord Mayor of Athens.

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**TEL AVIV DISTRICT:** Poultry for tuberculars in zone 1, 875 grams. Het/Gimel 23. Poultry for pregnant women in zone 7, one kilo Kaf/ **SOUTHERN DISTRICT:** Eggs, 3, Zayin 25, visitors 9. Pregnant women: 8 eggs, Vav 4 of old cards and 23 of new. Sick Rations: Poultry, distribution of November ration continues. Fish, except in Nathanya, 500 grams Mem 22, visitors 50. Tomatoes: 250 grams Yud 34, visitors 46 (except Nathanya). In Lydda and Petah Tikva, Yud 43 visitors 39. Carrots: 250 grams, Kaf 43, visitors 38. Bananas: Cards Aleph, Bet and Gimel, 500 grams, Lamed 12, visitors 40, Pregnant women, 500 grams together with the tomato ration of 500 grams against Vav 2 of old cards and 38 of new cards. Sick persons, holders of Cards Bet, coupon 11 and cards Gimel coupon 23 will receive 300 grams bananas.

**HAIFA and SAMARIA:** Eggs, 3, Zayin 25. Sick Rations: Eggs, 3, Het/Aleph of new cards; Het/Bet and Het/Gimel as well as Het/Aleph of the old cards, amount of eggs specified on coupons. Tnuva butter: Het/Aleph 23; Het/Aleph 3, 100 grams, Het/Bet 11 and Het/Gimel 23, 200 grams. Carp, 150 grams. Men 22, visitors 41.50. Poultry: distribution against coupons Nun 12 and Nun 2 ends. Poultry for sick persons against Het/bet 9 in zones 4, 5 and 6. Pregnant women: 8 eggs, Het/1; 500 grams bananas Het/2. Bananas, 500 grams, cards Aleph, Bet and Gimel, Lamed 23, visitors 40 in zones 1 to 6. Vegetables: Carrots, 250 grams, Kaf 43, visitors 45. Eggplant, 100 grams, Peppers, 100 grams, Marrows 50 grams in zones 1,2,3,6,7, Beans, 100 grams zones 1,2,4. No coupons.

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## PERSIAN POLITICS

THE British government has issued as a White Paper the correspondence between the British and Persian governments between February and September of this year. This document does not contain the whole story. It does not mention that the privileges of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company were an anachronism in themselves, nor that the profits of AIOC this year were the largest ever earned by a British company. Omitted also are the reports of the British diplomatic representatives in Teheran who, it was alleged, informed London that the Mossadegh Government would fall shortly and that it might not be worthwhile to reach an agreement with the "National Front."

The document ends with the text of Dr. Mossadegh's three-point offer made in mid-September and, it is now revealed, rejected out of hand by the British government. This step has generally met with considerable criticism in Britain, and it appears from the present White Paper that the negotiations were bungled at a decisive stage. Many foreign observers have stressed the farcical and sometimes sordid elements in Persian politics and they have not been able to view recent events there in the wider context of Asian affairs. The first Majlis convened in Teheran in 1906, one year after the first Russian revolution. The 16th Majlis which revoked the agreement with the AIOC was elected at the time of the final victory of Mao-Tse-Tung's forces in China, and the connection seems obvious. The period of collaboration between Western imperialism and Asia's feudal elements had come to an end, and those who did not recognize this in time were bound to suffer. Dr. Mossadegh, too, belongs to the old ruling class in Persia.

Foreign correspondents in Teheran continue to make the most of Dr. Mossadegh's histrionics, the terror exerted by his "National Front" through the "Fadayan Islam" and of the unruly Teheran mob in general. It appears, however, that on the whole Dr. Mossadegh and his colleagues have not been given a square deal by the world press. Much has been written about the regime of terror established by the "National Front" in Teheran, but it should not be forgotten that this is no innovation in Persian politics. These were the methods of every Persian government since Reza Shah, the only difference being that former governments had less popular support than Dr. Mossadegh. One may doubt the effectiveness of Dr. Mossadegh's tactics but no aspersion should be cast on his patriotism.

## ONE PLUS ONE

AT Delhi a conference is being held of 200 statisticians from all over the world. Statistics, to many of us, is a forbidding science, due most likely to the many and painful occasions at school when we were in short supply with right answers. Although such memories may fade in the easier conditions of adult life, where the feeble arithmetician can often take evasive action without much loss of face, there are always pitfalls as everyone knows who has been lured into helping with the children's homework. No wonder, therefore, that we admire statisticians for rising above such fears and frailties. They are indeed the lion tamers and snake charmers of sums. As for a conference of 200 of them, it is like an atom bomb released by the powers of correctness upon the citadels of error.

The conference might be expected to proceed in a passionless and cerebral air; but part of the presidential address had a quality of annoyance, quite unlike anything to be found in standard editions of the multiplication table. The offenders were the Russians who claim that it is wrong to base statistics upon a mathematical law of numbers. They should be based upon the Marxist-Lenin theory instead. No wonder the conference disapproved; for it amounts to saying that Russians can arrive at a right answer without working through the arithmetic. Seeing that the conference could not be convinced of this claim, it is even more doubtful whether a commissar's little son would be able to carry it with the teacher of his arithmetic class.

REDISCOVERING ISRAEL (II) — By Monty Jacobs

# Veterans' Cooperative Effort

TWO farmers, tagging along behind a herd of 40 cows, shooed the animals out of the way as the Sheikh Muwannis bus chugged towards the village, up the new road that branches off the Nathanya-Tel Aviv highway.

"They're from the kibbutz up there," the man squashed against me in the bus said in a friendly fashion, evidently unconcerned about the fact that I was standing more on his feet than on my own. He was the first of a number of pleasant people I met in the one-time Arab village now incorporated within the limits of Tel Aviv.

The second friendly soul, a tired-looking woman, noticed that I was searching for something, and did more than might be expected of anyone these days. She stepped out of place in an ice queue to direct me to the office of Mr. Yosef Schrek, chairman of the village council.

"Reporter?" Mr. Schrek looked at me keenly. "Pity. I'm just rushing off to Tel Aviv." And, after posting his wife to advise him as soon as the bus seemed ready to start, he poured into my ears snippets of the Sheikh Muwannis story.

"We've 700 to 750 families ....2,500 people .... got our own shops and Kupat Holim. No big industries. Oh .... got a new road. Just finished last week .... doesn't reach the bus station. But no road in the centre of the village. What'll happen when rains flood the square? Place should be paved. Bus going? Ah ....so sorry. Please come back again. You can call .... we've just got our first telephone ...and the bus is every half hour but that's not so good ...."

### Mild Criticism

Mr. Schrek, I discovered as I wandered through Sheikh Muwannis, was rather mild in his implied criticism of the street situation. The gravel of the new main road from town dissolves into sand and mud two hundred metres from the shopping centre at the approach to the village. Alleys between the houses peter out into slimy quagmires where rain water remains, and, in narrow passages winding through old Arab buildings, dug-in Diesel drums offer rusty relics of the quarter's defences.

I headed up towards what my fellow bus traveller had described as a kibbutz. From the bare, rubbish-strewn ground above the village, a few dunams were fenced in to enclose a cluster of low Arab houses, vegetable gardens, a barn and some auxiliary buildings.

"This isn't a kibbutz," said a husky, bearded man in a brown shirt. "This is the Ex-Servicemen's Cooperative Farm of Sheikh Muwannis." He escorted me through the barn housing 85 cows, and into the dairy which handles 1,000 litres of milk daily from the Cooperative and a number of other farms. On the balconies of houses, the bedclothes and linens of the seven or eight families forming the cooperative were hanging out to air.

The Sheikh Muwannis version of a kibbutz is one of a series of cooperative enterprises established in the district by groups of discharged soldiers.

*New prints are hung out to dry at the "Rakefet" textile plant at Sheikh Muwannis. In the background is a grove of the former Arab village.* Photo by Kaufmann

### Textile Plant

The very atmosphere of the area is influencing the design and colour of drapes and dress materials now finding their way onto the Israel market. Down the road from the residential area, hidden among citrus and fig trees are the buildings of "Rakefet," a textile screen printing plant set up in 1949 by 15 ex-servicemen.

There is nothing palatial about the place. The little nook near the entrance that I mistook for the office turned out to be the quarters of the firm's artist and designer, Rachel Yacubovitch. In front of her, a new, willowy drape design was taking shape.

"She gets a lot of her inspiration from the trees around us," Mr. Bruno Pollak, one of the firm's founders, said. There are only three or four such screen printing works in the country.

The colourist of "Rakefet", Mr. Pollak's, tattered work shoes bore testimony that the firm, though successful, has yet to taste the fruits of a real boom.

"In the initial stages we got help from the Custodian of Enemy Property and the "Mercaz Ha'Cooperatzia," but it wasn't long before we were standing on our own feet," Mr. Pollak said. "We turn out really classical goods. I've sent some samples to Switzerland, where the standard is very high, and they were interested."

"Rakefet" gets textiles from manufacturers and applies to them the designs ordered, in collaboration with Miss Yacubovitch and Mr. Pollak.

### Still Optimistic

"I've studied the screen printed textiles of Switzerland, Scandinavia and other European countries," the colourist went on. "I am sure we could export if our Government was more understanding." He showed me the cotton design-carrying screens used in the process. "Other countries use silk, and of course the quality of the design is better. The amount of foreign currency required for silk is small — the sales possibilities are great."

It was hard going sometimes. There was no phone; they were short of work clothes; electric power cuts made work difficult and, on occasion, production stoppages in the weaving mills had brought the ex-soldiers' plant to a standstill.

"But, despite it all," he said, "if there was all-round cooperation and understanding ... we'd be optimistic."

Then, with typical Sheikh Muwannis friendliness, he dismissed his factory troubles.

"Do come and see us again," he pleaded, and wandered off, a volume of Milton and an Oxford dictionary under his arm, through the trees to his favourite lunch-time spot.

# Allies Hold 150,000 Prisoners in Korea

By FRANK ROBERTSON

TOKYO.—THE island of Koje, close to Pusan, will be brought into public notice when the armistice delegations begin discussing the exchange of war prisoners, for it is here that most of the Communist prisoners are congregated.

At present approximately 135,000 North Korean and 18,000 Chinese war prisoners are being held by the Allies, and most of these are gathered in the tent and adobe camps on Koje. In addition, there is a large group of suspect Korean civilian internees.

At Koje conditions are far better than in the Communist camps, from all indications. The prisoners on Koje are well treated. But trained observers on the island report that most of them, particularly the Chinese, do not respond to the efforts of the U.N. Command to re-educate them.

### Former Nationalists

Many of the Chinese prisoners who little more than two years ago were fighting for the Nationalists have, in a relatively short time, become steadfast followers of the Peking regime. Nationalist propaganda, whether printed or delivered by lecture, does not get much of a hearing. More than 1,000 Chinese prisoners signed a petition last September asking to be sent to Formosa for enlistment in Chiang Kai-shek's forces. But this is a small percentage of the whole; furthermore, trusted prisoners who hold privileged positions in the camps are said to have used pressure to obtain a good number of these signatures.

Most of the Chinese prisoners are anxious to be returned to their homeland. Almost all are proud of the performance of the Chinese armies in Korea. They appear to be surprisingly well informed of developments in Korea, just as Peking seems to know what is happening inside the camps. On one occasion Peking radio commented on an incident in one of the camps — that had been kept from the Allied Press — only three days after it had happened.

### Adequate Care

In terms of food and shelter the prisoners live somewhat better than millions of South Koreans. They are adequately, though by no means generously, fed — the Korean Government is supposed to bear the cost of feeding prisoners. They receive regular medical care, and get plenty of exercise. The prisoners are now moving into mud-brick barracks built by themselves, which can be adequately heated during the winter months.

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VISITORS' GALLERY

# Bargain Driver

ON a sunny bench in the gardens of the Ramat Aviv Hotel, Congressman Emanuel Celler settled down for a chat.

"I've just seen the floods in Italy," he began. "The Italian Government flew me all over. They even took me around in small boats."

He saw Italy's devastation in the course of a tour in which he is studying "emigration from European countries and immigration into Israel."

An old warrior in the fight for a broader U.S. immigration policy, Congressman Celler found 2,000,000 unemployed in Italy. "We ought to do something about that... we're short of manpower. I'm studying that question now."

Mr. Celler

In this, his third visit to Israel ("They were sniping when I was in Jerusalem in 1948"), Mr. Celler has a three-fold purpose: to see Jewish National Fund institutions, to take part in the dedication of a Students' Hostel at Bet Mazmil, and to bring himself thoroughly up to date with the country's progress and problems so that he can carry on his Zionist campaign in and out of Congress.

"I've been a Zionist a long, long time," he said, leaning back to enjoy the sun. "I'm national chairman of the Forest of Martyrs Fund, and I'm going to receive the deed of the JNF land allocated for the Students' Hostel."

The Hostel, intended for visiting American students and lower echelon American officials, will cost about $350,000 to $400,000. "When I get back to the States, I'm going to raise that money..." added the Congressman.

### More Money

Turning to money, Mr. Celler recalled the two hundred million dollars so far poured into Israel by America and predicted that "there will be more money coming." Israel, by its immigration policy, was taking some of the burden off the U.S. and other countries. There would be more money — but Israel would have to uphold her end of the bargain. That, the Congressman explained, meant "orientation must be Westward beyond doubt — with all that it implies." He knew that Israel was not on sale in a market place but he felt that she had to "see eye to eye with the U.S. in this era of chaos and confusion..." He was confident another $50m. would be granted in the coming year.

In his brief visit, Mr. Celler will meet the Prime Minister, the Finance, Labour and Justice Ministers and will tour the country thoroughly. The tour fits nicely into Mrs. Celler's plan to keep the Congressman out in the air.

*M.J.*

# Readers' Letters

### "PO VALLEY FUND"

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I spent two years in Italy after the war dealing with the problems of Jewish DP's, and had ample opportunity to observe the kindness of the Italian people towards Jewish victims of Nazi Germany. Today thousands of Italians are homeless as result of the terrible flood and by helping them I believe that we, as citizens of Israel, will fulfil a small part of our great moral obligation. May I suggest that a "Po Valley Fund" be started by your paper.

I sincerely hope that our Government will facilitate the transfer of such a "good will fund" to the Government of Italy or to another competent body.

I enclose IL.2 to start the collection.

Yours etc.,
*THEODORE HATALGUI*
Jerusalem, Dec. 2.

### DRIVEN TO DESPAIR

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Your correspondent, H. Bar-Illan, speaks wi[th] bitterness of the "law [of] the squatter". He remembers the golden days 25 years ago, when he was helped by his neighbours.

He may be interested to know that many who occupy rooms in other people's houses are frequently forced into the position of squatters, generally most unwillingly.

This is due to the ruthless exploitation of the housing shortage, frequently by these same "oldtimers" who, today, demand for one room a rental equivalent to three and four times the monthly expenses of their entire dwelling.

The writer is in this unfortunate position: earning less than 50 pounds a month, she has been asked to leave the room where she has been living for more than two years. Her present rental is IL.11 per month. For IL.25 she may find a room, with luck, which is intended for a student. She may be permitted to live here on the understanding that she goes home for Shabbat and Holidays. She has no other home.

There are rooms to be had in Jerusalem for IL.30 and up. She is faced with the alternative of doing the decent thing and starving; or of squatting. The black market in rooms and the greed of landlords has reached a point where law-abiding people are driven to despair.

Yours etc.,
*A. TEACHER*
Jerusalem, December 13.

### J.N.F.'S TASK

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — On December 6 you quoted from Mr. Kaplan's budget speech that "work on Government Relief Projects (where tens of thousands of immigrants are employed clearing rocks and planting trees) will be made 'less attractive'."

It appears that the reference to land reclamation and afforestation was not made by Mr. Kaplan at all, but constituted an interpretation by your correspondent for which there is no basis. Mr. Kaplan could not have intended to include such works among "Government Relief Projects" as they are not carried out by the Government but the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael.

Mr. Kaplan's view on these activities is best illustrated by his speech to the 23rd Zionist Congress, in which he stated *inter alia* "The tasks of the Keren Kayemeth in reclaiming the land and restoring its fertility have grown immensely. It is up to the Fund to ameliorate the plains of the Negev and the mountains of Judea and the Galilee, to convert them into rich soil yielding its bountiful produce and providing livelihood for its tillers. The Keren Kayemeth has proved its worth as an instrument for freeing the lands from the bonds of desolation and as an incomparable moral and material force in upbuilding our country."

Yours etc.,
*Dr. H. FREEDEN*
*Publicity Officer*
*Keren Kayemeth Leisrael*
Jerusalem, December 13

### GUEST CRITICS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In the dispute between Mrs. Halkin and your music critic regarding the programme of Artur Rubinstein's recital, I entirely side with the former and I think it rather bold of Frango, to say the least, to call Mrs. Halkin's musical education narrow when in fact her criticism is, in my opinion, a sign of high musical culture.

However large or small the number of "Frango-philes" among your readers may be, I suggest inviting guests critics from time to time to freshen your rigid music reviews.

Yours, etc.,
*HANS SCHONLANK*
Jerusalem, December 9.


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